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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1976

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ROBERT S. INGERSOLL

I WORKED CLOSELY WITH BRENT SCOWCROFT AND BILL GLEYSTEN
THROUGHOUT THE MORNING TRYING TO HEAD OFF POSSIBLE PRO-
BLEMS ATTENDANT TO FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON'S DEPARTURE
FOR PEKING. AS YOU WILL HAVE SEEN, WE HAD A REPORT THAT
AN ATTEMPT WAS BEING MADE TO ATTACH THE PLANE WHILE IT
WAS IN LOS ANGELES.

I MET WITH JIM ENGLE, OUR AMBASSADOR TO BENIN WHOM WE
HAVE CALLED BACK ON CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING THE ILL
TREATMENT METED OUT TO HIM LAST WEEK BY THE FOREIGN
MINISTER OF BENIN. AF IS WORKING UP AN OPTIONS PAPER
ON THE FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THAT BENIGHTED LAND.
JIM BELIEVES WE SHOULD REACT FIRMLY. HE DISCOUNTS TE
SIGNALS WE HAVE RECEIVED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS POINTING
TOWARD A MORE CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE
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BENINESE.

AT THE PRINCIPALS/REGIONALS STAFF MEETING THIS MORNING, CARL MAW AND LARRY PEZULLO BRIEFED ON THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL, MONROE LEIGH AND JIM LOWENSTEIN REVIEWED LOCKHEED'S PROBLEMS IN JAPAN AND THE NETHERLANDS, AND WIN LORD DESCRIBED IS "MEET-THE-PEOPLE" TRIP TO PITTSBURGH WITH MESSRS. EAGLEBURGER, VEST AND LEWIS.

ROY ATHERTON AND I WENT OVER TO TREASURY TO BRIEF SIMON BEFORE IS UPCOMING TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: CALL BY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE JACK SHAW; PRE-BRIEF FOR MONDAY'S EAST-WEST TRADE BOARD MEETING; MEETING WITH IRWIN RUBENSTEIN ON BOARD OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE BUSINESS; AND MEETING WITH MONROE LEIGH ON LOCKHEED RELATED MATTERS.

FROM T - CARL MAW

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ATTENDED BOB INGERSOLL'S STAFF MEETING.

PREPARATIONS FOR MY TRIP TO TEHRAN, INCLUDING BRIEFING BY NEA, PM, NSC, S/P, ACDA AND OES.

CONFERENCE WITH LEIGH RATNER OF INTERIOR REGARDING LOS MATTERS.

LUNCHEON CONFERENCE WITH VIN LEARSON REGARDING LOS NEW YORK MEETINGS AND POSSIBILITY OF YOUR APPEARANCE EARLY IN SESSION.

FROM EAGLEBURGER

IN LINE WITH DOD'S PROPOSED DEACTIVATION OF ITS ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS MEDITERRANEAN DIVISION, AND ON THE ADVICE OF NEA, I APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF 100 OF ITS PERSONNEL FROM ITALY TO SAUDI ARABIA. THE SAUDIS SUPPORT THE MOVE.

WISCONSIN'S GOVERNOR LUCEY HAS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO MY FEELER ABOUT ACCEPTING AN FSO FOR A TOUR OF DUTY IN THE
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STATE GOVERNMENT. THIS IS A PROMISING FIRST STEP IN OUR CAMPAIGN, AND I HAVE PROMISED LUCEY A FIRST-CLASS NOMINEE.

I AUTHORIZED THE CLOSING OF OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN LIVERPOOL. INGERSOLL

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